

[Bananal Village]

coats, although hand-knitted sweaters are seen. 000
 Old women wear their hair long, parted in the 302
 middle and tied at the back of the neck with a ribbon or a piece of string. Young women who have been to the neighboring towns braid their hair and some even have permanent waves. The young ones also use face powder and lipstick. Locally made gold and silver rings and bracelets are worn, 301
 the bracelets often having the name or initials of the wearer engraved on them. Necklaces of store beads are in common use and one may still see a few old-fashioned necklaces made from small dried berries.

Children under 5 years of age go about unclothed except in cold weather when they wear a sleeveless shirt but no pants. Very young children are carried straddling the mother's hip. 291 [854]

Although the houses and cooking arrangements of the Terena do not appear to be exactly sanitary, the people themselves are clean and neat. In hot weather both men and women bathe every day. Clothes, even when worn and patched, are kept clean by constant washing. During any day of the week women can be seen at the stock water dams washing clothes. 515 [296]

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The agricultural practices of the Terena, today, conform closely to the methods employed by the "caboclo," or poor Brazilian farmer. The tools used, the crops grown, the methods of storing and preparing field produce for consumption are the same. In fact, the Terena have learned their agricultural methods by working on Brazilian farms. If any differences exist they arise from the greater efficiency of the "caboclo," resulting in larger areas cultivated, higher yields, and a larger reserve of food products. In the preparation of the land, the digging stick has given place to the iron hoe, and the stone ax to the machete and steel ax. 241 177 [412]

When a Terena wishes to prepare a field he looks for the type of soil and moisture conditions that are suitable for the crop which he wishes to grow. As the village of Bananal is on a plateau the soil tends to be rather sandy and dry, suitable for fruit trees and for manioc, which is a hardy plant. Surrounding the houses, therefore, are found orchards of mangoes, oranges, lemons, and bananas, and some manioc. The orchards are planted largely at the insistence of the Post manager. The mango 241

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Terena "favela" in Aquidauana. (1958)